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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No., Final Response EPA-HQ-2016-005557

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter concerns the above-referenced FOIA request, received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) on April 8, 2016, in which you requested records related to EPA's final Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category (the "ELG Rule"), but which are not part of the ELG Rule rulemaking record. Specifically, you requested records and portions of records that meet all of the following criteria: (1) they are communications or information exchanged between EPA and vendors between August 1, 2005 and November 3, 2015; (2) they relate to effluent limitations guidelines for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category, potential or actual rulemakings for such, or products or processes that could be implicated by such rulemakings; and (3) they are not currently part of the public ELG Rule rulemaking record. In addition, you requested a copy of EPA's response to any FOIA request by any party seeking documents relating to this subject-matter as well as copies of any documents produced in response to such a request.

Additionally, in an email to Michael Scozzafava on November 27, 2017, you agreed to narrow the scope of this request to all responsive documents that were found in EPA's Microsoft Outlook database, which generally includes all communications from January 2013 moving forward.

The Agency has concluded its search for records responsive to your request. The 37 records being provided are communications between EPA and vendors outlined in your FOIA. In some cases, the responsive records may be duplicates of what is in the administrative record. The EPA is withholding some records in part.

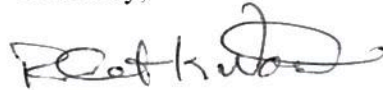
Records are being withheld pursuant to: 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6), Personal Privacy. The records are exempt from disclosure because they contain personal information which would be an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy if released (PP).

This letter concludes our response to your request. You may appeal this response by email at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov), or by mail to the National Freedom of Information Office, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. (2822T), Washington, DC 20460. Only items mailed through the United States Postal Service may be delivered to 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue. If you are submitting your appeal

by hand delivery, courier service, or overnight delivery, you must address your correspondence to 1301 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 6416J, Washington, DC 20001. Your appeal must be in writing, and it must be received no later than 90 calendar days from the date of this letter. The Agency will not consider appeals received after the 90-calendar-day limit. Appeals received after 5:00 pm EST will be considered received the next business day. The appeal letter should include the FOIA tracking number listed above. For quickest possible handling, the subject line of your email, the appeal letter, and its envelope, if applicable, should be marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Additionally, you may seek dispute resolution services from EPA's FOIA Public Liaison at [hq.foia@epa.gov](mailto:hq.foia@epa.gov) or (202) 566-1667, or from the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: by mail, Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8610 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001; email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone: (202) 741-5770 or (877) 684-6448; or fax: (202) 741-5769.

If you have any questions concerning this response, please contact Michael Scozzafava at 202-566-2858 or at [Scozzafava.michaele@epa.gov](mailto:Scozzafava.michaele@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert K. Wood", written in a cursive style.

Robert K. Wood, Director  
Engineering and Analysis Division